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ABOUT THE NEW ENGLAND HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The *New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE)* launched the New England Higher Education Excellence Awards in 2003 to recognize individuals and institutions that have made substantive contributions to improving higher education opportunities for New England students.

NEBHE's mission is to promote greater educational opportunity for residents of New England. Nominated individuals and organizations exemplify NEBHE's mission through their accomplishments.

Five *Regional Awards* are presented; four in memory of four outstanding New England higher education visionaries: *The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship*, in honor of the University of Massachusetts president; *The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement*, in honor of the Rhode Island higher education commissioner, scholar and educator; *The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement*, in honor of the Rhode Island state Senator and Newport, R.I. mayor; *The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership*, in honor of the New Hampshire governor and college president; and the *Business Contribution to Higher Education Award*.

In addition, six *State Merit Awards* are presented to individuals or organizations for higher education excellence within each of the New England states.



THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM

The New England Board of Higher Education's 2015 NEW ENGLAND HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Friday, March 13, 2015 ★ The Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts

5:00 p.m. **Reception**
Palm Garden, 2nd Floor

6:30 p.m. **Dinner Celebration**
Grand Ballroom

Welcome

Michael K. Thomas, NEBHE President & CEO

Emily Cain, NEBHE Chair

6:45 p.m. **Presentation of the 2015 New England Higher Education
State Merit Awards**

7:15 p.m. **Dinner**

7:45 p.m. **Presentation of the 2015 New England Higher Education
Regional Excellence Awards**

8:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Michael K. Thomas



WELCOME

Michael K. Thomas

NEBHE President & CEO



Michael K. Thomas is president and chief executive officer of the New England Board of Higher Education.

Thomas works extensively on higher education issues with governors, state legislators, K-12 commissioners, state higher education commissioners, college presidents/chancellors and other business, education and government leaders.

Thomas joined NEBHE in 2002 as director of policy and research. He subsequently served as senior director and senior vice president. He has worked in corporate training and human resources and has held administrative positions at both public and independent higher education institutions, including executive assistant to the president at Lesley University.

He has been a faculty member, adjunct professor and lecturer at several New England universities and served as trustee and vice chair of the board of Worcester State University.

Thomas holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Brigham Young University and master's degrees in higher education from Teachers College, Columbia University and Harvard University. He holds an MBA from Boston University and a doctorate in education and social policy from Harvard.

In 2008, Thomas was selected as a Millennium Leadership Initiative Fellow by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), recognizing the next generation of America's higher education leadership. He serves as a senior fellow at the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U).

WELCOME

Emily Cain

NEBHE Chair



Emily Cain has served on the New England Board of Higher Education since 2005 and as chair of NEBHE since 2014.

In 2004, Emily was elected to the Maine Legislature at the age of 24. Serving 10 years in the legislature as a state representative from Orono and as a State Senator from Penobscot County, she established herself as a tireless and effective leader on education, economic development, responsible budgets, research and development, college affordability, healthcare, domestic violence and accountability and ethics in government.

In addition to being the youngest woman ever to lead the minority party in Maine, Cain served as House chair of the Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee, and as Senate chair of the Government Oversight Committee.

An effective voice in the Maine House and Senate, Cain is known for her collaborative and determined style of leadership on the important issues facing Maine.

Cain worked for 12 years at The University of Maine's Honors College and currently works with the Jobs for Maine's Graduates Program designing a program for college retention. She is also pursuing a doctorate in higher education from UMaine.



2015 NEW ENGLAND HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

STATE MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Connecticut

Booker T. DeVaughn

President Emeritus, Three Rivers
Community College

Maine

University of New England

Massachusetts

Carole A. Cowan

President, Middlesex Community College

New Hampshire

Fr. Jonathan DeFelice

Former President, Saint Anselm College

Rhode Island

Susan F. Lusi

Superintendent, Providence Schools

Vermont

Mark S. Young

Trustee, University of Vermont

REGIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Business Contribution to Higher Education Award

Dyn

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship

Patricia Collins

Former Chair, Board of Trustees, University of Maine System
and

Samuel S. Bergami Jr.

Chair, Board of Governors, University of New Haven

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement

Tim Donovan

Former Chancellor, Vermont State Colleges

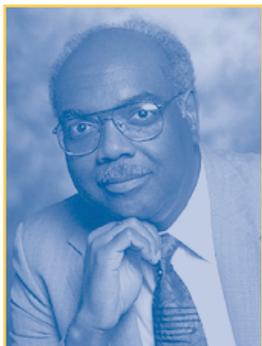
The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership

James T. Brett

President & CEO, The New England Council

2015 STATE MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

CONNECTICUT ★ **Booker T. DeVaughn**



Booker T. DeVaughn retired in 2001 as president of Three Rivers Community College, which he led since 1992, when Mohegan Community College and Thames Valley State Technical College were merged to form Three Rivers.

Before that, DeVaughn was president of Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted from 1985 to 1992. He previously served as acting president, dean of academic affairs and dean of continuing education at Roxbury Community

College in Massachusetts. DeVaughn also worked at the former Boston State College.

He served on the boards of the Noah Webster Foundation and Historical Society, the American School for the Deaf and other organizations in his hometown of West Hartford and is former chair of the board of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford.

He holds degrees from Massachusetts Bay Community College and Boston State College, a doctorate in education from Boston University and a special management certificate from Harvard University.



MAINE ★ University of New England



Over the past decade, the University of New England (UNE) has experienced significant increases in enrollment, opened northern New England's only college of dental medicine, a college of pharmacy and a campus in Tangier, Morocco, where UNE undergraduates study for the same

price as spending a semester on campus in Maine.

Today, UNE is the number one provider of healthcare professionals for the state of Maine. UNE's comprehensive health-education mission positions it among a select few private universities in the U.S. that offer programs in osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, dental medicine, nursing and an array of allied-health professions, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, dental hygiene, exercise science, athletic training, social work, physician assistant, health informatics and nurse anesthesia.

UNE creates opportunities for budding health professionals to learn side-by-side with students from other disciplines. Through these interprofessional learning experiences, they gain mastery of their own disciplines, while learning to work effectively with other members of the healthcare team.

UNE has received recognition from *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes.com* for the quality of educational programs it offers. *Payscale.com* ranked UNE first among all colleges and universities in Maine in return on investment to graduates.

UNE's students and faculty volunteer more than 10,000 hours of community service each year to 150 local organizations and schools. In addition, UNE students provide approximately \$21 million in clinical care to Maine patients. UNE's annual economic impact on the state totals nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars.

MASSACHUSETTS ★ Carole A. Cowan



Carole A. Cowan is president of Middlesex Community College (MCC), one of the largest community colleges in Massachusetts.

Cowan joined the college as a faculty member in 1976. She later served as dean of the business division and dean of administration and finance, prior to becoming president of the college in 1990.

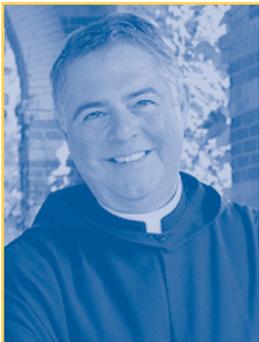
Under her leadership, the college weathered the most severe budget cuts in the history of Massachusetts, during which she successfully secured permanent campuses in Bedford and Lowell. She also led the development of the Commonwealth's first privately financed capital pool to construct MCC's Health, Science and Technology Center.

Under Cowan, Middlesex vastly expanded its horizons with the development of international partnerships and training programs as well as foreign exchange opportunities for MCC students, faculty and clients in more than 30 countries. Locally, partnerships with area businesses and public school systems have put MCC in the forefront of economic and workforce development as well as education reform. Middlesex established one of the state's first charter schools and sponsors an alternative middle school in Lowell. It also is the only community college in Massachusetts to operate a OneStop Career Center, a Massachusetts Department of Labor initiative consolidating all state employment and training programs.

Cowan holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Salem State College (now University), a certificate of advanced graduate study from Boston State College, and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. In addition to serving as a member of various boards, she has co-chaired the Massachusetts Campus Compact and chaired the Massachusetts Community College Presidents Council and the New England Board of Higher Education.



NEW HAMPSHIRE ★ Father Jonathan DeFelice



Father Jonathan DeFelice, O.S.B., was president of Saint Anselm College from 1989 to 2013.

A member of the Benedictine community that founded and governs the college, Father Jonathan is also a graduate of the college's Class of 1969. Before becoming president, he served his alma mater in various faculty and administrative roles, including instructor of theology, associate director of Campus Ministry, assistant to the academic dean and dean of students.

Father Jonathan is a passionate advocate for Saint Anselm's mission that seeks to balance the academic, spiritual and extracurricular lives of its students, while graduating men and women who go on to lead creative and generous lives. Under his presidency, New England's third-oldest Catholic college has strengthened its liberal arts reputation.

Father Jonathan was the founding chair of Campus Compact for New Hampshire. He also has broadened Saint Anselm's public outreach through initiatives such as Saint Anselm's Meelia Center for Community Service and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics.

A native of Bristol, R.I., and a graduate of Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island, Father Jonathan earned an A.B. in philosophy at Saint Anselm College in 1969. He entered Saint Anselm Abbey in 1968 and professed solemn vows as a Benedictine monk in 1973. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1974 after studying theology at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass. In 1983, he received a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

RHODE ISLAND ★ Susan F. Lusi



Susan Follett Lusi is the superintendent of Providence Schools in Rhode Island.

She previously served as superintendent of schools in Portsmouth, R.I., as well as chief of staff for the Providence Public Schools and assistant commissioner at the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Prior to these appointments, Lusi worked as director of policy for the Annenberg Institute for School Reform and visiting assistant professor at Brown University and also for the Coalition of Essential Schools.

She has consulted for numerous state and national organizations including the Rhode Island Department of Education, The LAB at Brown University, Education Resource Strategies, the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Learning First Alliance.

Lusi is a member of the National Advisory Board for the Alliance for Excellent Education, the Providence After School Alliance (PASA) Board of Directors, the Providence Plan Board of Directors, the Providence Children & Youth Cabinet District Chair, the New England School Development Council's Board of Directors, and the Governing Board for the American Association of School Administrators. She was also a fellow in the Broad Foundation's Urban Superintendents Academy.

She is the author of *The Role of State Departments of Education in Complex School Reform* (Teachers College Press, 1997) and holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's in social studies from Brown University, as well as a master's degree and doctorate in public policy from Harvard University.



VERMONT ★ Mark S. Young



Mark S. Young was appointed to the University of Vermont Board of Trustees by Gov. James Douglas in 2009 for a term expiring in March 2015. He also served on the UVM Board from 2002 to 2007.

The president and CEO of the First National Bank of Orwell, Vt. and a former member of the Vermont House of Representatives, Young also serves as the Town of Orwell treasurer and trustee of public funds.

Born in Middlebury, Vt., Young has served on the boards of Union Mutual of Vermont Companies; Vermont Center for the Book; and the Vermont Economic Progress Council. He chaired the Fair Haven Union High School Board as well as the Executive Committee of the Vermont Bankers Association. He also served as treasurer of Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union.

Young holds a degree from Champlain College.



2015 REGIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

THE BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION AWARD

Dyn



Dyn is a cloud-based Internet Performance company. Dyn helps companies monitor, control and optimize online infrastructure for an exceptional end-user experience.

Through various initiatives, Dyn is committed to exposing young people to technology education. These initiatives include:

- STEAM Ahead NH, a comprehensive educational initiative based in Manchester that focuses on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. The goal of the project is to provide the opportunity for high school students to earn one full year of college education while they are in high school at no cost.
- Hack-A-Palooza, a one-day event that creates an environment to get high school students excited about technology so they consider pursuing college education in technology fields. This year, 12 teams from nine high schools got a tour of Dyn's facility, two presentations about the industry from Dyn employees and then participated in a 3½-hour programming competition.
- Dr. Thomas J. Brennan Jr. Computer Science Career Exploration, a two-year program for high school juniors to have opportunities to explore computer science and careers related to it. As part of this program, students earn college credits awarded by Manchester Community College.
- Hackademy, a four-day event that provides selected college students with the opportunity to learn about tech as well as see it in action.



THE DAVID C. KNAPP AWARD FOR TRUSTEESHIP

Patricia Collins



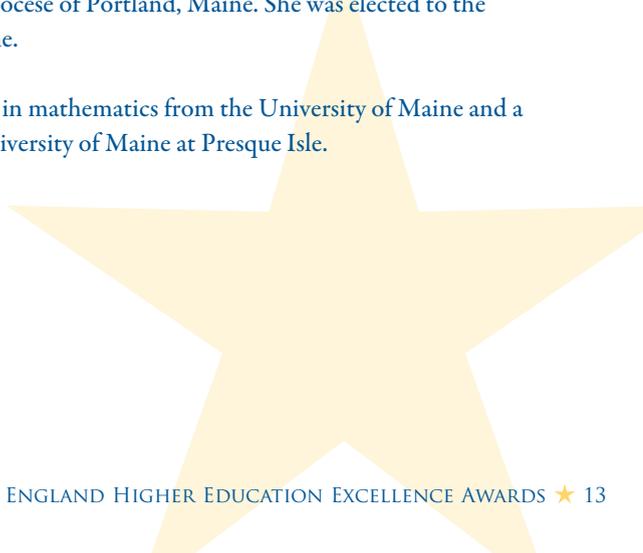
Patricia McGuigan Collins was born in Colombia, South America, and raised in Port Jervis, N.Y. She has lived most of her life in Caribou, Maine.

Collins was employed as the director of religious education at Holy Rosary Church in Caribou for nine years and has been a self-employed artist since 1986.

A former mayor of Caribou, Collins also chaired the Caribou School Board, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees and the Maine Committee for Judicial Responsibility and Disability. She served as a member of the UMPI Board of Visitors. She was a volunteer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). She chaired the Catholic Charities Maine Board of Directors as well as the Catholic Foundation of Maine Board of Trustees. She was one of two New England representatives to the National Advisory Council of the Conference of Catholic Bishops. She has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic society.

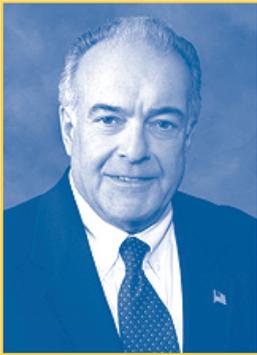
Her honors include the Deborah Morton Award from Westbrook College (UNE), the Black Bear Award with her husband, Donald Collins, from the University of Maine General Alumni Association, and the Miraculous Conception Medallion from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine. She was elected to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame.

She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Maine and a bachelor's in art from the University of Maine at Presque Isle.



THE DAVID C. KNAPP AWARD FOR TRUSTEESHIP

Samuel S. Bergami Jr.



Samuel S. Bergami Jr. began his career at Connecticut-based Alinabal Inc. in 1966 as a tool and die apprentice. Over the years, he has held positions including plant manager, vice president of manufacturing and group president. He is now the president, CEO, board chair and co-owner of Alinabal Holdings Corp., which is the parent company of Alinabal Inc., Practical Automation Inc., Daco Instrument Company and Sterling Screw Machine Company. Alinabal Holdings employs 325 people.

In 1976, Bergami founded Saber Electrical Supply in Milford, Conn., and held ownership in that company until 1994. Bergami founded Milford Electrical Contractors in 1985, based in Milford and operated by his partner and son.

Over the past 40 years, Bergami has been involved in numerous community organizations and has received many awards for his contributions. In 1993, the Milford Chamber of Commerce named him “Businessperson of the Year.” In 1996, the Connecticut Small Business Administration honored him with the “Small Business Person of the Year” award. In 1998, *Success Magazine* ranked Bergami and Alinabal Holdings Corp. 48th among entrepreneurial organizations in the country.

Bergami is a current member of the Board of Governors of the University of New Haven, which he chaired from 2006 to 2012. He is also a trustee of the Milford Bank, a past chair and a director and chair of Milford Hospital, chair and co-founder of the Milford Columbus Committee, a member of Milford Progress Inc., and former chair of the board of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.

He holds an executive MBA from the University of New Haven.



THE ROBERT J. McKENNA AWARD FOR PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT

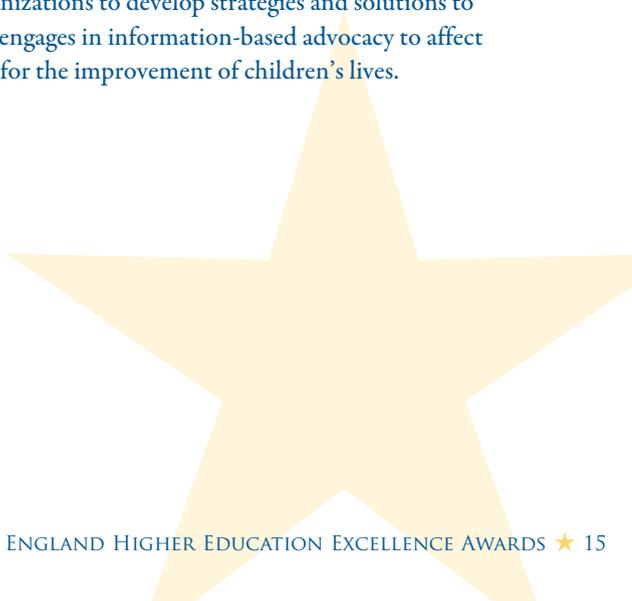
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT



Rhode Island KIDS COUNT is a statewide children’s policy organization dedicated to improving the health, safety, education, economic security, and development of Rhode Island’s children.

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT collects and disseminates data on the well-being of Rhode Island’s children and advocates for best research and data available, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT brings together people from across the community, including policymakers and child advocates, doctors and educators, parents and volunteers, state agency directors and nonprofit leaders to address the problems facing the state’s children and families. It provides independent, credible, comprehensive information on Rhode Island’s children, and then uses that information to influence public policies and programs to improve children’s lives.

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT provides information and strategies on “what works” and promotes best practices that will turn the curve on indicators of child well-being. It holds systems accountable and indicates where changes should be made to improve programs; stimulates dialogue on children’s issues and brings together individuals and organizations to develop strategies and solutions to improve children’s lives; and engages in information-based advocacy to affect public policies and programs for the improvement of children’s lives.



THE ELEANOR M. MCMAHON AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Tim Donovan



Tim Donovan recently retired from a career in higher education that spanned four decades, culminating in five years as chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges (VSC). His entire career was in service to Vermont's five public comprehensive, technical and community colleges and, more importantly, to Vermont learners.

Initially, he directed the VSC's prior learning assessment program before joining the Community College of Vermont in a series of leadership roles.

Prior to his appointment as VSC chancellor in 2009, Donovan served eight years as president of the

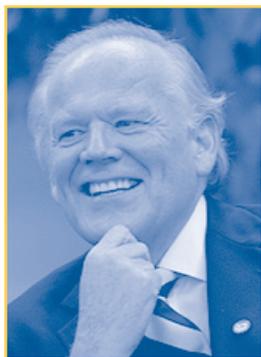
Community College of Vermont during which the college's enrollment increased 60% to become Vermont's second largest higher education institution and its reputation was enhanced as a leader of higher education innovation in use of technology, innovative program delivery and creative partnerships.

Throughout his career, Donovan has been an active contributor in a wide variety of Vermont and New England regional organizations, promoting increased access to transformational education and "blurring the lines" between education levels and institutions to benefit learners. Recently, these have included the New England Board of Higher Education; the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC); the New England Secondary Schools Consortium; and the Board of Directors of the Vermont Business Roundtable. He is the founding chair of Vermont's PreK-16 Council.



THE GOVERNOR WALTER R. PETERSON AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

James T. Brett



James T. Brett has been president and chief executive officer of The New England Council since 1996.

A nationally influential regional organization, the council was established in 1925. It is an alliance of schools, hospitals, corporations and other private organizations throughout New England, working together to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the region. It identifies and supports federal policies of importance to all six states, and advocates for its membership regionally and nationally.

Under Brett's leadership, the council has worked to bring together the region's business and higher education communities to work collaboratively to ensure that the region has the skilled workforce necessary for continued economic growth. In recent years, the council has advocated for expanded STEM education, increased federal financial assistance and low student loan interest rates. Brett has also been a leading voice in advocating for public policy issues such as healthcare, financial services and energy throughout New England and Washington, D.C.

Before joining the council, Brett served for over 15 years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he chaired banking and taxation committees.

Brett is also one of the region's most outspoken advocates for people with intellectual disabilities. He recently chaired the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and is current chair of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability. In 2013, the University of Massachusetts Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development, the nation's only endowed chair in disability and workforce development.

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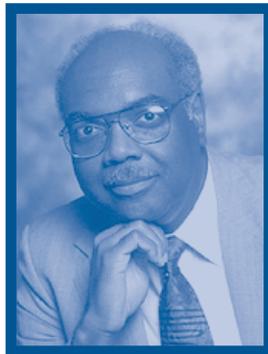
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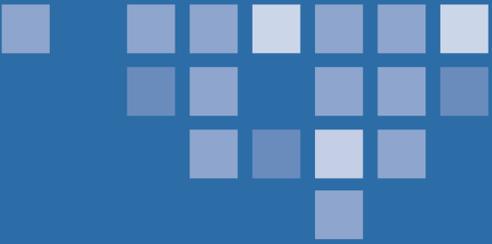
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New England Secondary School Consortium

salutes

Tim Donovan

2015 Recipient of the Eleanor M. McMahon Award
for Lifetime Achievement

Educators from K-12, state department officials, higher education leaders, business leaders, and other policy makers across the five member states of the New England Secondary School Consortium salute you for your many contributions that mark an extraordinary career and exemplary leadership. You have served the consortium and its Council with distinction and you have led the efforts to gain the support of 56 New England colleges and universities for the consortium's Collegiate Endorsement of Proficiency-Based Education and Graduation.

and thanks the

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The New England Secondary School Consortium—a five-state effort to significantly improve the effectiveness of the region's secondary schools by dramatically increasing college readiness—is most appreciative of its partnership with the New England Board of Higher Education.

We want to especially recognize NEBHE for its support of our collegiate endorsement and the efforts to have many more New England colleges and universities sign on to the work of improving secondary schools throughout the region.

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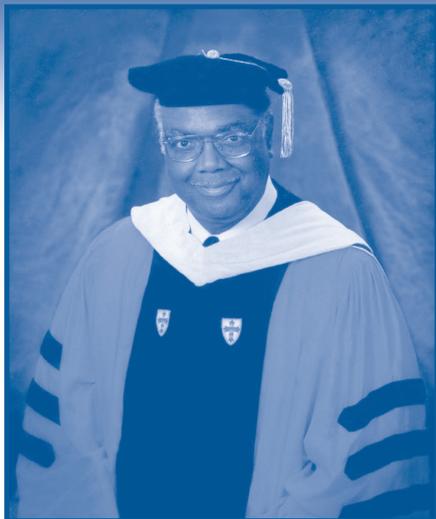
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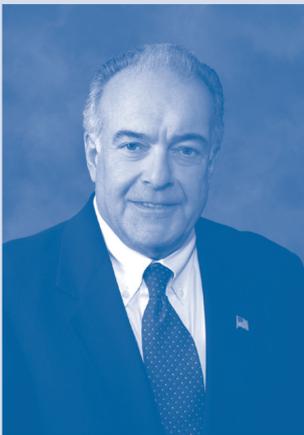


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After 20 years as an exemplary member of the University of New Haven's Board of Governors, including six years as chair, Samuel S. Bergami, Jr.'s selection as a 2015 recipient of The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship is a tribute that is well-deserved. Sam's vision and leadership, coupled with his incredible generosity, have helped make the University of New Haven the great university that it is today.



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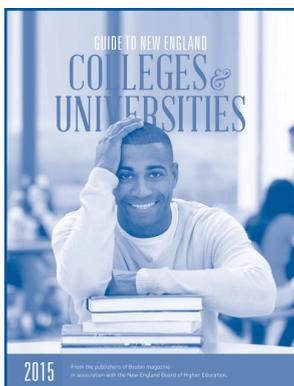
The current project, **Advanced Manufacturing Problem Based Learning (AM PBL)**, has developed case studies with New England advanced manufacturers in advanced quality systems, medical devices, microchip manufacturing, nanotechnology and sheet metal fabrication, and will provide professional development for secondary and postsecondary STEM educators in the region.

The PBL Projects are available on the web at www.pblprojects.org. Please contact Principal Investigator Fenna Hanes at fhanes@nebhe.org or 617-533-9529 to learn more about the professional development, industry partnerships and consulting initiatives of the PBL Projects.

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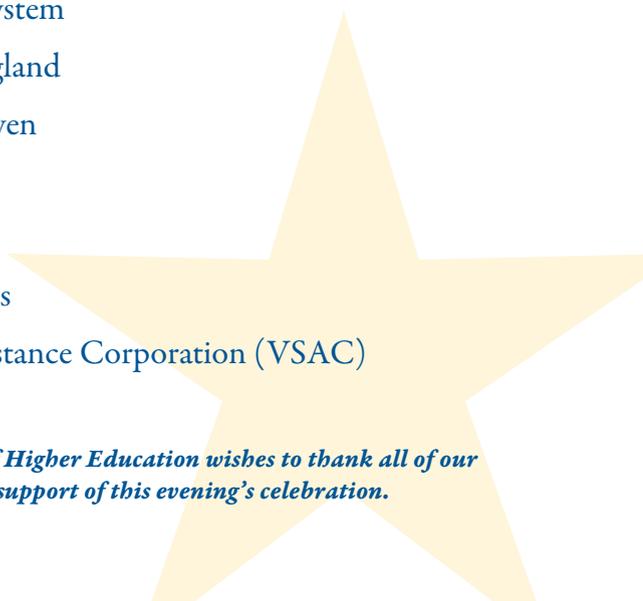
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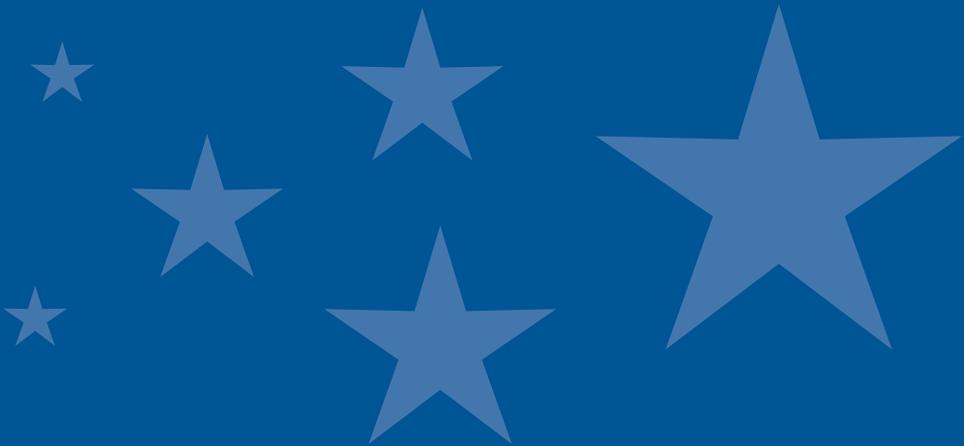
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